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Express Mail Label No. EL 638 835 111 USThis is a request for a [☒] continuation or [] divisional under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
(continuation prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application No: 09/295,269
filed on April 20, 1999, entitled TIP STRUCTURES

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